

Gujarat Industrial Park Ordinance, 2003

2354. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have not agreed to incorporate the appropriate labour in the Gujarat Industrial Park Ordinance, 2003 for which the request had been made by the Gujarat Government to give further boost to the apparel industry in that State; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the trend of outsourcing in respect of apparel, electronic and jewellery industries is going to benefit the labour force and also industrial establishments in India particularly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The State Government of Gujarat had sent draft proposal of Gujarat Industrial Park Ordinance, 2003 in the year 2003 for obtaining the approval of the Central Government. The State Government of Gujarat has been advised to define "Industrial Park" in a more specific manner so as to cover labour intensive industries like apparel, gems & jewellery and the electronics manufacturing industries only and submit a revised a proposal after due consultation with the Central Trade Unions. Revised proposal in this regard has not yet been received.

Employment for agricultural labourers

2355. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural labourers constitute over 60 per cent of the total work force in the country;

(b) the percentage of agricultural labourers, who do not get sustainable level of employment throughout the year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide them employment through diversification, if necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) According to